World meet on computer VAN

2114. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some world meet on computer VAN was held at Bombay during November, 1991;

(b) if so, details of the said meet with issues discussed therein;

(c) the amount spent on holding the meet;

(d whether it is a fact that a large number of countries participated in the meet; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An International Conference on "Computer & Communication—Value Added Services" was held during November, 20—22, 1991 at Bombay. The conference was organised by the publisher of a journal, "Electronics Today". The conferenie was sponsored by the United Nations Educational. Social and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The topic of the Conference was covered in three different sessions, namely, Value Added Network (VAN) Standards. VAN Systems and VAN Services.

(c) It is understood from the organiser that the total expenditure incurred for holding the Conference was Rs. 4 lakhs approximately, the cost of travel and per diem in India for all the foreign delegates was met entirely by UNESCO.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The conference was attended by nearly 200 delegates including specialists from USA, USSR, France, Hong Kong, Iran Pakistan: Afghanistan Bangla Desh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives in addition to participants from India.

Colour picture tube unit at Vijayawad

2115. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether Government have received any application from a private agency t set-up a colour picture tube uni a Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and th progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA : (a) According to the present Industrial Policy, no industrial licence is required to set up a colour picture tube unit. No application from any private agency to set up a colour picture tube unit at Vijayawada has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of fruit and vegetable products

2116. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of Fruits and Vegetable Products exported during the last two years;

(b) whether the quantity of the exports of Fruits and Vegetable Products has been increasing during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what steps Government propose to take to increase the exports?